

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Presently Amended) A fluid delivery system according to claim 4 21, wherein said nasal cannula includes a pair of spaced apart nasal tips of sufficient length for insertion into the nostrils of the user.

3. (Original) A fluid delivery system according to claim 2, wherein said pair of spaced apart nasal tips have substantially smaller outer diameter than said nasal delivery tube.

4. (Original) A fluid delivery system according to claim 3, wherein said pair of spaced apart nasal tips are trimmable to custom fit the user.

5. (Presently Amended) A fluid delivery system according to claim 4 21, wherein each individual one of said ear pieces has disposed on its proximal end a guide for helping to facilitate guiding an individual one of said pair of extension tubes into a corresponding one of said recessed tube channels and to facilitate securing slidably said individual one of said pair of extension tubes to said ear piece.

6. (Original) A fluid delivery system according to claim 5, wherein said nasal delivery tube includes a pair of spaced apart nasal tips of sufficient length for insertion into the nostrils of a user.

7. (Original) A fluid delivery system according to claim 6, wherein said

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pair of spaced apart nasal tips have substantially smaller outer diameter than said nasal delivery tube.

8. (Original) A fluid delivery system according to claim 7, wherein said pair of spaced apart nasal tips are trimmable to custom fit the nostril depths of the user.

9. (Presently Amended) A fluid delivery system according to claim 4 21, wherein each individual one of said ear piece recessed tube channels is sufficiently long to capture an individual one of said pair of extension tubes at two capture points and is sufficiently narrow at about a distal end thereof to fixedly secure said individual one of said pair of extension tubes within said channel at one of the two capture points to help facilitate supporting said nasal cannula substantially below the nose of the user and in close proximity to the nostrils of the user.

10. (Presently Amended) A fluid delivery system according to claim 1 21, further comprising:

a section of fluid delivery tubing coupled to said at a distal end of the other one of said pair of slider extension tubes and having a fluid source connector disposed at its distal end to help facilitate the delivery of fluids to the lungs of the user.

11. (Original) A fluid delivery system according to claim 10, further comprising:

a securing clip mounted to said section of fluid delivery tubing to help secure the fluid delivery tubing in a fixed position relative to the user.

12. (Presently Amended) A fluid delivery system according to claim + 21, further comprising:

a securing clip mounted to the other one of said pair of slider extension tubes to help secure the other one of said pair of slider extension tubes in a fixed position relative to the user.

13. (Presently Amended) A fluid delivery system according to claim + 21, wherein said fluid source is a source of air.

14. (Presently Amended) A fluid delivery system according to claim + 21, wherein said fluid source is a source of oxygen.

15. (Presently Amended) A fluid delivery system according to claim + 21, wherein said fluid source is a gas mixture source to help facilitate user breathing.

16. (Original) A method of delivery fluid to a user, comprising the steps of:

providing a nasal cannula having nostril tips;

providing a pair of slider extension tubes coupled to said nasal cannula;

providing a pair of ear pieces, each ear piece having a recessed tube channel;

sliding an individual one of said pair of slider extension tubes through one of the recessed tube channels to facilitate supporting from the ear piece said nasal cannula and to help facilitate adjusting the distance between the nasal cannula and an individual one of said pair of ear pieces to position said nasal cannula in proper position relative to the

nostrils of said user for the delivery of fluids to the lungs of the user;

sliding another individual one of said pair of slider extension tubes through the other one of the recessed tube channels to facilitate supporting from the other ear piece said nasal cannula and to help facilitate adjusting the distance between the nasal cannula and another individual one of said pair of ear pieces to position said nasal cannula in proper position relative to the nostrils of said user for the delivery of fluids to the lungs of the user; and

placing a stop at a distal end of one of said pair of slider extension tubes and wherein the other one of said pair of slider extension tubes has a distal end adapted to be coupled to a fluid source.

17. (Original) The method of delivery fluid to a user according to claim 16, further comprising the steps of:

placing one of said ear pieces over one ear of the user to support therefrom one end of said nasal delivery tube;

placing another one of said ear pieces over another ear of the user to support therefrom an opposite end of said nasal delivery tube;

inserting respective ones of said nostril tips into corresponding ones of the nostrils of the user; and

sliding respective ones of said extension tubes within respective ones of said recessed channels to further adjust said nasal cannula to a user desired position where said nostril tips comfortable rest within the nostrils of the user.

18. (Original) The method of delivery fluid to a user according to claim 17, wherein said step of inserting includes trimming the length of respective ones of said nostril tips to custom fit them to the nostrils of the user.

19. (Presently Amended) An oxygen delivery system, comprising:

a nasal cannula having a pair of nasal prongs and a pair of extension tubes;

wherein one of said extension tubes is plugged at a distal end thereof with a stop and wherein one of said extension tubes is adapted to be coupled at a proximate proximal end thereof to a supply of air;

a pair of ear pieces with recessed channels for helping to space said pair of extension tubes from the ears of a user; and

said pair of extension tubes cooperating with said pair of ear piece to facilitate positioning said pair of extension tubes within said respective ones of the recessed channels to support said nasal cannula from the ears of the user with said nasal prongs inserted into the nasal cavities of the user.

20. (Presently Amended) A cannula system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a nasal cannula for facilitating the delivery of fluids to the lungs of a user;

a pair of slider extension tubes coupled to said nasal cannula;

a pair of ear pieces, each ear piece having a recessed tube channel for receiving slidably therein an individual one of said pair of slider extension tubes to facilitate supporting from the ear piece said nasal cannula and to help facilitate adjusting the distance between the nasal cannula and individual ones of said pair of ear pieces to position said nasal cannula in proper position relative to the nostrils of said user for the delivery of fluids to the lungs of the user; and

a stop disposed at a distal end of one of said pair of slider extension tubes and wherein the other one of said pair of slider extension tubes has a

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distal end adapted to be coupled to a fluid source.

21. (New) A nasal cannula system, comprising:

a nasal cannula coupled between a pair of extension tubes, wherein one of said extension tubes is blocked at a distal end thereof and wherein the other one of the extension tubes is adapted to be coupled to a fluid supply.

22. (New) The nasal cannula system according to claim 21, further comprising:

means for supporting said nasal cannula and portions of said pair of extension tubes from the ears of a user.

23. (New) The nasal cannula system according to claim 22, wherein said means for supporting includes an ear piece having a recessed channel for receiving therein a portion of one of said extension tubes.

24. (New) The nasal cannula system according to claim 23, wherein said means for supporting further includes another ear piece having another recessed channel for receiving therein another portion of another one of said extension tubes.

25. (New) The nasal cannula system according to claim 21, further comprising:

a securing arrangement attached to either one of said pair of extension tubes for helping to holding the corresponding extension tube in a fixed position.